

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 799

By Miller

A RESOLUTION to urge the appointment of members to county election commissions that reflect the demographics of the county in which the members will serve.

WHEREAS, women comprise more than fifty percent of Tennessee's population, and the same is true in many counties in this State; and

WHEREAS, minorities comprise more than twenty percent of Tennessee's total population, and in some counties, the "minority" population is greater than fifty percent of the population; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to instilling faith in our system of government that the public officials appointed to oversee elections in Tennessee's counties reflect the demographics of the county the officials represent; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that members of the General Assembly, when making recommendations to the State Election Commission for appointments to their respective county election commissions, should endeavor to recommend persons that will result in the county election commission membership reflecting the demographics of the county the appointees will represent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we hereby urge the State Election Commission to ensure the appointees to the county election commissions reflect the racial and gender demographics of each county.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared and transmitted to the Secretary of State and the State Election Commission.